

CITY AND BEEF TRUST

The Illinois State Board of Health Hits Both of Them Hard in Circular.

Duty of the City Administration with Regard to Meat Inspection Is Very Plain.

The new government law, as everybody knows, does not provide for the inspection of meat consumed in Chicago and Illinois.

The strange apathy of the Chicago authorities in the matter of Beef Trust violations of the law, is arousing the attention of the entire country.

The flooding of Chicago and the State of Illinois with lumpy jaw, tubercular and cancerous beef is causing widespread indignation.

The Illinois State Board of Health has just issued a strong circular containing recommendations to municipalities concerning the supervision and inspection of slaughter houses, packing houses, etc.

The following extracts show how hard the circular hits the city government of Chicago:

"The Illinois State Board of Health, by special resolution, adopted at a regular meeting, held in Chicago June 20th and 21st, 1906, urgently recommends to the mayors and councils of all cities and the presidents and boards of trustees of all villages, and to all other health officials in all parts of the State, the enactment and enforcement of ordinances providing for the supervision and the regular and systematic inspection of all slaughter houses, packing houses, storage houses, markets, cellars and all other establishments used for the preparation, manufacture, storage or sale of food intended for human consumption."

"The health of the people is largely dependent upon the purity, quality and cleanliness of their food and these may be controlled and guaranteed to the people only through the conscientious efforts of health officials acting under the powers conferred upon them by the statutes."

"The people of each municipality have the right to expect that the officials whom they have entrusted with the enforcement of the law, will give them every possible protection provided by the law, and the statutes of the State of Illinois are so liberal in their construction as to give to the municipality full power to control all of those things which may in any way effect the health of the people."

"Under the provisions of an act to provide for the incorporation of cities and villages, approved April 10, 1872, (Revised Statutes, Chapter 24, Section 62), the councils in cities and the president and the board of trustees in villages are empowered to regulate the sale of meat, poultry, fish, butter, cheese, lard, vegetables and all other provisions; to regulate the sale of bread and to prescribe its quality; to provide for the inspection of all articles of food; to declare what shall constitute a nuisance and to abate same and to fine all who permit nuisances to exist; to appoint a board of health and prescribe its powers and duties; TO DO ALL ACTS AND MAKE ALL REGULATIONS TO PROMOTE HEALTH OR TO PREVENT DISEASE; to direct location and regulate the management and construction of packing houses either within the limits of the corporation or within one mile from its boundaries; to compel the owner of any grocery or any unwholesome or nauseous place to cleanse and abate or remove same and to regulate its location. Under the provisions of the same law, municipalities are empowered to impose fines, not exceeding \$200 for each offense, or imprisonment, not exceeding six months, for the violation of any of its ordinances."

"Aside from the specific provisions of the law, quoted above, the one provision, empowering the municipality 'TO DO ALL ACTS AND MAKE ALL REGULATIONS TO PROMOTE HEALTH OR TO PREVENT DISEASE,' gives ample authority for the local officials to undertake the supervision and systematic inspection of those places in which food for human consumption is either prepared, manufactured, stored or offered for sale. However, the specific provisions of the statutes remove all doubt as to the limits to which the municipality may go in the protection of the health of the people."

"Animal food is particularly susceptible to bacterial action and to decomposition which is hastened by killing and handling in filthy slaughter houses or by improper refrigeration and storage."

"MEAT FROM DISEASED ANIMALS, TOO FREQUENTLY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN FOOD, MAY BE PRODUCTIVE OF WIDESPREAD DISEASE AMONG THOSE WHO CONSUME IT."

"The oft repeated statement that cooking will remove the poisonous properties of spoiled meat is not to be relied upon."

"In view of these facts, it is the duty of the health officials of all municipalities to establish such supervision and inspection as will render impossible the maintenance of unsanitary slaughter houses and packing houses, the killing of diseased animals or the sale of meats and other foods which, by their original character, or changes which have taken place in them, are unfit for human consumption."

"The presence of a sick or diseased animal in a slaughter house shows

place the establishment under suspicion as one in which such animals are slaughtered for human consumption. Any unsound meat or carcass found in a slaughter house or in a market should be assumed as being there for sale."

Notwithstanding its apathy and as poor as the city inspection is at the Stock Yards because of the very small number of inspectors, the government inspection is worse. In fact the government inspection is a farce as is proven by the following extract from the Chicago Health Department report for the week ending September 15, 1906:

"The Department Inspectors at the Union Stock Yards condemned and destroyed 95,008 pounds of meats. Of this amount 11,545 pounds were condemned by the Department Inspectors after having been passed by other inspectors."

"The 'other inspectors' are the government inspectors."

If Mayor Dunne's administration destroyed over 3,000,000 pounds of cancerous and tuberculous meat in five months, by the inspection work of only eleven inspectors, how many billions of pounds of cancer and tuberculosis were fed to the people during the years that there was no city inspection?

The pure food laws will, of course, be enforced against some poor little never!

How many tuberculosis or lumpy jaw cattle have been released from "quarantine" by order of the Health Department?

What object can the members of the Beef Trust have in opposing the Illinois pure food laws and wanting them amended?

During the week ending Sept. 8 the few city meat inspectors at the Union Stock Yards condemned and destroyed 88,063 pounds of meats. The food inspectors in the "loop district" condemned and destroyed 47,862 pounds of unfit foodstuffs.

A million pounds of bad meat sold outside the loop district were eaten by the people. No inspection.

The Beef Trust continues to spread tuberculosis, cancer and other diseases with impunity.

One fact that escapes general attention is that the intestines, blood, liver, heart and lights (or lungs) of an animal are already used before the carcass proper gets to the inspector. This includes also what is known as the gut fats, out of which lard, suet, tallow oils and various other things are made.

As soon as a beef is killed, it is hung up by the heels and disemboweled.

All of the "innards" are hauled away.

Even the blood is received into a receptacle and carried off to be made into blood sausage, beef extract and the like.

The intestines are carried to the sausage rooms to be used as casings.

The stomach goes elsewhere to be used as tripe.

The liver, lights, heart, etc., find a ready market.

And, mind you, every bit of these portions of the "critter" are used whether it is suffering from cancer, tuberculosis, lumpy jaw, or any other disease.

"The carcasses after its 'innards' are removed is swung along and carried to another place where the inspectors pass upon it or pretend to pass upon it."

Dr. C. J. Whalen, the efficient Health Commissioner of Chicago, reported the condemnation of nearly four million pounds of meat during the four months ending December 30, 1905.

Now 85 per cent of these 4,000,000 pounds were found to be afflicted with tuberculosis.

Every ounce of these 4,000,000 pounds belonged to the main carcass and had passed government inspection.

What about the hearts, livers, lights, intestines, fats, blood, tripe and other inside belongings of these tuberculous cattle from which 4,000,000 pounds of tuberculosis and cancerous meat were found and condemned?

They were sold to the people and eaten as food!

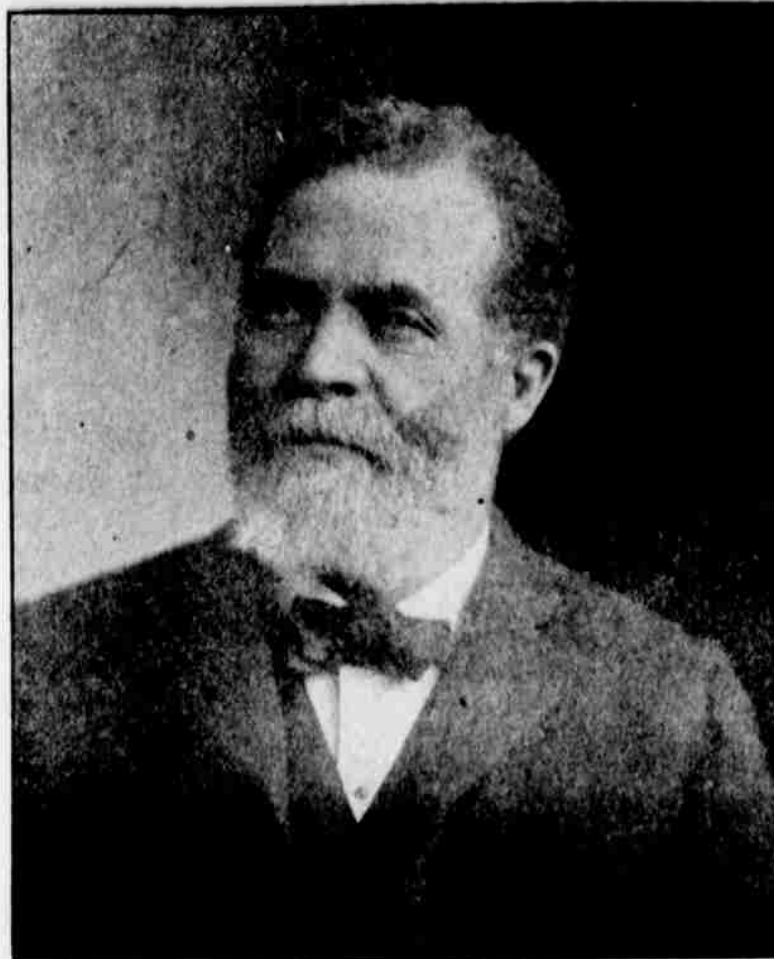
The Cancer Trust and the Tuberculosis Trust are still doing business.

Talk about government inspection!

We take the following from the last annual report of Dr. Charles J. Whalen, Commissioner of Health of the city of Chicago. The facts speak for themselves.

"At the Union Stock Yards during the last five months of the year, seven inspectors (five of whom were appointed in November) have condemned and destroyed 2,794,038 pounds of meat, as being unfit for food; all of which would have been sold in the city of Chicago, and for which the purchaser would have paid first-class prices."

"From these figures it is very evident



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Talked Of for Mayor by the Independence League.

that inspection by the city of all food products is of untold value, not only from a financial but from a sanitary and hygienic standpoint."

"The following will show how necessary city inspection is at the Union Stock Yards:

"The city meat inspectors have condemned in the coolers and on the cutting floors AFTER PASSING GOVERNMENT INSPECTION:

"125 cattle, cause, actinomycosis,

"97 cattle, cause, emaciation,

"24 cattle, cause, tuberculosis, evidence of disease having been trimmed out.

"16 cattle, cause, 'downers,'

"27 sheep, cause, pneumonia,

"94 hogs, cause, pneumonia and tuberculosis.

"47,720 pounds of cut meats shipped from St. Louis, Omaha, etc., for canning. This meat was sour and stinky."

The discovery of tons of rotten canned goods and decayed material intended for food in the possession of Chicago business houses, bears out the Eagle's declaration made some time ago that Chicago business associations deplored the attacks on the Beef Trust because they were just as guilty themselves.

The Beef Trust can poison the people; the railroad trusts slaughter the people and the theatrical trust roasts the people. But the Milk Fed Press views the situation with complacency because of Milk Fed ads; transportation courtesies and theatrical passes with the privilege of getting acquainted with an actor or two.

Some of the fellows who are advertising cattle cars, electric cars and other wonderful improvements and who offer the stock of same for sale at fabulously low figures, should be looked after by the police. There are too many of them at large in Chicago to-day.

The Beef Trust has caused a big raise in the price of shoes. The alleged beef trust controls incidentally the domestic hide market, which Congress closed practically for the benefit of the beef trust by clapping a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem on foreign hides. The alleged beef trust, according to Associated Press dispatches, now also controls the domestic tanning industry. Hence the beef trust fixes now the cost of the leather, the raw material out of which shoes are made, and hence it controls both the price of shoes in the domestic market and in the export shoe trade, built up at great expense by our shoe manufacturers.

Furthermore, it is common knowledge that the domestic price of butter, eggs, butterine, dressed poultry, the grains, fruits, vegetables, apples, potatoes and probably other foods is regulated largely by the same trust of corporations.

This is logical and unavoidable at present. It is due in part to special privileges of lower rates in the shipping, private refrigerator lines, in use grain elevators and cold-storage plants scattered at the strategic points and in part, no doubt, to the sheer brutal force of unlimited millions of dollars; a power wielded by a few persons whom society does not hold personally responsible at present.

The following from the Bulletin of the Health Department for month of May: "The meat inspectors at the stockyards condemned and destroyed a total of 481,795 pounds of beef, pork, veal and mutton."

The Trust press of Chicago carefully eliminates from the reports of the Chicago Health Department which it publishes, all reference to the condemnation of tubercular and cancerous cattle at the Union Stock Yards. The aim of the Trust press is to keep the

people in ignorance of true, but awful conditions which menace their health.

The Illinois Legislature should investigate the Beef Trust thoroughly this winter.

Chicago is the headquarters of this nefarious Trust, and therefore Illinois is more interested in the subject than any other State.

That is, Illinois ought to be more interested in the subject.

But while Kentucky and North Dakota and Pennsylvania and Vermont and other States, through their pure food departments, have adopted drastic measures against the Beef Trust poison, Illinois has rested supine.

The Legislature can ascertain from the pure food commissioners of Kentucky and North Dakota, what the lawyers of the Beef Trust promised to do in those States, if given another chance.

The Legislature can also ascertain what the Beef Trust is not required to do in Illinois.

Tuberculosis, cancer and appendicitis, all directly traceable to Beef Trust products, are on the increase.

The new Government inspection law does nothing for the people of Illinois.

Is tuberculosis any better for the people this year than it was last year?

In another column will be found extracts from the Health Department annual report and weekly bulletins. Do you think that in the face of these documents and the facts they contain that the city can refuse to continue the inspection and condemnation of tuberculous and cancerous cattle at the stock yards?

How many cancers make fancy lard for culinary use out of hogs that die of cholera?

How many thousands of carcasses have the city inspectors condemned that were found hanging in coolers with the tuberculosis trimmed out?

Where does all the meat that arrives at the Stock Yards at night come from?

How many condemned hogs have been sold as mutton pork?

Is it, or is it not so, that some of the cattle condemned by city inspectors have been found with their whole sides one mass of corruption?

Is it not true that the butchers at the yards are afraid to cut some cattle or fear of contracting contagion themselves?

Is it true that many canned cattle are now killed outside the city and their carcasses shipped in with tumors and cancers still attached?

Why do Kansas City and other points ship their tuberculous, lumpy-jawed and cancer cattle to Chicago?

Why is it that diseased cattle cannot be shipped to any point east of Chicago?

Why is it, and by whose orders was it that after the city inspectors had condemned 170 lumpy-jawed cattle that they were "released"?

By whose orders was it done?

Is there another city besides Chicago that will even allow a lumpy-jawed "critter" to enter it?

Is it not true that in St. Louis each lumpy-jawed beast means a fine of \$500, and that in Toronto, Canada, the beast and even its hide are destroyed?

The Chicago Beef Trust house which pleaded guilty in Pennsylvania to the charge of selling poisonous and adulterated sausages, was fined on two charges.

All pork for Germany is examined carefully for trichina before exporting. Pork for Great Britain is never examined for trichina.

Hence the following figures may be interesting:

In 1904 Great Britain imported from the United States 7,576,450 pounds of canned pork, valued at \$770,468, and 13,069,651 pounds of fresh pork, valued at \$1,200,855.

In 1904 Germany imported from the

United States 48,100 pounds of canned pork, valued at \$4,835 and NO FRESH PORK WHATEVER. Germany protects her people from plague.

Why does the Beef Trust escape its just share of taxes on its packing plants?

Milk Fed Chickens. A correspondent asks if milk is proper food for chickens. All authorities say not. No fowl will live on fluid food. Chickens have gizzards which alone prove that nature intends them to be eaters of grain and other hard foods which need crushing. Milk is utterly unfit for poultry and is likely to give poultry what it gives to numerous human beings—tuberculosis. Milk is the food of calves and animals born alive. But not of any animal that is hatched.

The American people must put an end to the Beef Trust or suffer the consequences of bad food.

If the Beef Trust is so immaculate why is it that packers forming one section of it pleaded guilty in Pennsylvania to the charge of selling impure products and were fined; that another set of packers belonging to it are now under indictment in Lexington, Kentucky, for the same offense; that the Pure Food Commissioner of North Dakota, in his report, openly names several Chicago packers, and tells how they adulterated food?

How many murders is the Beef Trust guilty of in Chicago? How many innocent people are killed every year by tuberculosis and cancer?

Thanks to the Beef Trust methods cancer numbered 1,191 victims in Chicago in 1905, or 67 more than in 1904—an increase of the rate per 10,000 of population of 2.93 per cent.

The increase in deaths from cancer in Chicago in 1905 over the average for the decade ended in 1904 was 10.1 per cent, and over the average rate of the decade ended in 1894 was 34.1 per cent.

What a fine figure some of the beef barons will cut in a Legislative investigation!

Beef Trust apologists say that most of the criticism of their methods is due to "dramatic license." Is there any "dramatic license" in the condemnation of over 3,000,000 pounds of beef containing tuberculosis in the short space of three months? Is there any "dramatic license" about official health department reports?

Russia would scorn a system of government inspection like the one which has pleased the Beef Trust for so many years.

The Beef Trust is still causing the deaths of thousands of people by the selling of diseased meat.

No matter what a few "experts" found or what some "business associations" saw in their "investigations," the fact remains that the Beef Trust is still at the old stand.

A trust that will sell rotten, diseased meat to people will not stop at anything to deceive the public.

Every day one reads in the daily papers about what some wise "expert" has to say about the awful untruths told about the poor, innocent packers.

But the "poor, innocent packers" don't seem to have any "experts" writing for the Bulletin of the Chicago Health Department, for in its report for the week ending July 7, 1906, it

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Illinois Is the Only State in the Union Where the People Are Asleep.

Beef Trusts and other Corporations that are crooked or that want much from the Legislature without letting the people get on to the fact; and patent medicine trusts that are afraid the people will learn that they are selling poisonous have discovered a new way of controlling public opinion without showing their own hands. They do their business through professional advertising agents, who claim to be able to handle the daily and country press. In turn the advertising agents put in large ads, for the Beef Trust, the Medicine Trust or some other trust as the case may be, always stipulating in their contracts that all contracts for advertising are void if the State Legislature passes any law inimical to the Beef Trust, Medicine Trust. That is about as comprehensive, as frankly impudent a scheme of controlling legislation as it is possible to imagine. And so the Patent Medicine Trust of America, for one, maintains a lawyer in Chicago, and a permanent secretary, office and staff. In every State capital in the United States it maintains an agent whose business it is to watch during the session of the Legislature each day's batch of new bills, and whenever a bill affecting patent medicines shows its head to telegraph the bill, verbatim, to headquarters. There some scores of printed copies of the bill are

made, and a copy is sent to every member of the association. Thereupon each manufacturer looks up the list of papers in the threatened State with which he has the contracts described above. And to each newspaper he sends a peremptory telegram calling the publisher's attention to the obligations of his contract, and commanding him to go to work to defeat the anti-patent-medicine bill. In practice, this organization works with smooth perfection and well-oiled accuracy to defeat the public health legislation which is introduced by boards of health in over a score of States every year.

Watch the daily newspapers whenever a trust is being assailed and see how the advertising columns are loaded with glaring calls to partake of wonderful delicacies.

In this connection, and in the absence of any reference to the "breakfast delicacies" of the Beef Trust, where there is life, there is soap.

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only stopping place in the bowels—the vermiform appendix—and there it works away until it starts inflammation.

When the first physicians began to realize the etiological importance of the appendix in intestinal inflammation, it was thought that seeds or other offending material became lodged therein, but many operations soon proved the contrary, for oftentimes no foreign bodies were found in it, and other abdominal operations often showed collections in the appendix that had caused no trouble.

Most of the best physicians and the ablest surgeons are now convinced that appendicitis is caused by bad meat.

The disease, singularly enough, was never heard of until Beef Trust methods began to prevail in this country, and now it is to be found wherever Beef Trust products have a sale.

According to the United States census, 5,111 persons died from appendicitis in 1900. The disease was not even mentioned in the United States census report of 1890—ten years before—because there were no cases and no deaths. How is that for the work of the Beef Trust?

The Illinois Legislature will have to investigate the Beef Trust.

There were no deaths from appendicitis recorded in the United States census of 1880. Over 5,000 deaths from appendicitis were recorded in the United States census of 1900. The Beef Trust is responsible for this disease. The London Lancet says that boric acid used in preserving meat causes the trouble.

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